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# Post reinstates Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board

*From Staff Judge Advocate*

After a dormancy of several years the installation is reinstating the Fort Riley Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

The board is a committee appointed by the Commanding General to help preserve the safety, health, morals, welfare, morale and discipline of servicemembers off post, according to Capt. Chris Behan, chief, Administrative Law Division.

If a business establishment presents a safety danger to soldiers, discriminates

against soldiers or participates in unethical or unsatisfactory practices, the AFDCB is the Commanding General’s tool to help solve the problem and protect soldiers.

“The AFDCB is not a forum to resolve personal disputes that can be resolved through other means. Instead, it is intended to resolve issues that impact all soldiers and or family members on the installation,” said Behan.

Voting members of the committee include representatives from PMO, MEDDAC, the SJA, DCA, the Chap-

lains’ Office and the Garrison Command Sergeant Major.

When an individual presents a complaint to the AFDCB, the committee conducts an investigation and makes findings to determine whether the complaint is valid.

If a complaint is valid, the AFDCB works in close cooperation with local officials and businesses to try and resolve the problem.

The AFDCB gives proprietors an opportunity to correct any defects. As a last resort, if cooperative efforts are

unsuccessful, the AFDCB can place a business or organization off-limits to soldiers.

“When a business is placed off-limits, soldiers receive a lawful order to stay away from the business until the problems are corrected and the AFDCB determines the business is a safe place for soldiers to be,” said Behan.

“Usually, the AFDCB is able to correct problems by working in cooperation with local officials and business proprietors. An off-limits restriction is very rare. It has been nearly 10 years since any busi-

nesses in the Fort Riley area have been placed off-limits,” he said.

Soldiers or family members who believe a local business presents an unsafe atmosphere, discriminates against soldiers or participates in unethical practices, should contact their chain of command, the SJA office or the IG’s office, who will help determine what action can be taken to solve their problem.

If a complaint to the AFDCB is justified, the chain of command, SJA office or IG’s office can help them put together the necessary paperwork.

## Identity thief targeted vets

*By Marcia Triggs*  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON—An e-mail circulating about a retiree who had his identity stolen after filing separation papers at a county courthouse is no urban legend, according to Transition Center officials.

Soldiers separating from the military are now being advised to ignore the old recommendation to file their Department of Defense Form 214 (Military Discharge) with their local county courthouse. Instead, transition counselors are advising soldiers to safeguard their personal information to guard against credit fraud, said Deborah Snider, Transition Center personnel analyst at the J.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

Between 600,000 to 700,000 cases of identity theft were reported by the Federal Trade Commission in 2000. Identity theft is the fastest growing crime today, according to the FTC, and many victims don’t find out that their personal information has been stolen until they are trying to buy a house or get a loan.

“I don’t think anyone ever thought about his happening, which is the reason there are no provisions to ‘unfile’ records,” Snider said. “This is a serious problem, and soldiers are a prime target because everything is tied to the soldiers’ Social Security number.”

The victims of identity theft suffer tremendously because the burden of proof is on them, Snider said. It’s hard to believe that a person’s life could be destroyed by this, she said, but it happens.

A Navy retiree learned that someone had stolen his personal information and established credit in his name when he received a phone call from a clerk at American Express saying that someone was trying to cash a \$9,000 check in his name made out to a Muslim or Arabic-sounding name.

The clerk was suspicious and called the retiree because the address she had on file for him did not match the address on the check. After the retiree’s case was investigated, he found out that a lawyer stole his identity. The lawyer also had a laptop with several thousand military names, Social Security numbers and other information on it. The common link between the veterans on the list was that they had filed their DD 214s with their county courthouse.

“Someone stole my identity, now I feel I am no longer me,” said a victim of identity theft. “I reside in the pocket of a felon who can see that she is allowed to steal me without penalty. She carries me casually, and each time she pulls me out a small piece of me falls away.”

To help guard against identity theft the Transition Center is no longer placing Social Security numbers on discharge and retirement certificates, Snider said. Anything that might be hung for display will not have a soldier’s Social Security number on it.

When soldiers separate from active duty, Snider said the most vital document they receive is the DD 214. It contains their Social Security number and birth date. In the past, soldiers were advised to file the form with their local courthouse to ensure that they would always be able to get a certified copy. They need a certified copy to receive any Veterans Administration benefits.

Once the DD 214 is filed at a local county courthouse, however, it becomes a public record. Some courthouses have put this information online, and even more plan to do so in the future, Snider said.

Our recommendation is to safeguard the form as you would any vital papers such as a



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Soldiers from the 346th Military Police Company don protective masks as part of their NBC training to prepare them for a deployment.

## MPs train at Fort Riley

*Reservists prepare for upcoming deployment*

*By Jeremy Heckler*  
*19th Public Affairs Det.*

Throughout history, Americans have placed their civilian lives on hold to take up the country’s call to defend freedom.

Members of the 346th Military Police Co., an Army Reserve unit based out of Hutchinson, Kan., took up the call in January and are training here for deployment.

“We’re training for a with a possible deployment to wherever the President needs us,” said 1st Lt. Thomas Alber, a platoon leader with the 346th MP Co., 89th Regional Support Command. Alber said that they have been perfecting basic soldier skills such as land navigation and self-defense.

“They’ve taught us a lot of hand-to-hand combat, and we’ve had countless briefin-

ing, learning the essentials in the gas chamber.

“Today we learned how to don and clear our protective mask, as well as the proper wear of our MOPP gear from Mission Oriented Protective Posture zero to four,” said Alber.

“When they go through the chamber with their mask on, it gives them confidence when they get a whiff of the gas and know they are protected,” said 1st Sgt. Melvin Tipton, 346th MP Co. Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Phillip J. Zeller, Jr. and John G. Montgomery visited the unit during its NBC training Feb. 8.

Zeller, the former deputy commander of the 89th U.S. Army Reserve Command and a Kansas Ambassador to the civilian community of the Chief of Army Reserve and Montgomery, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, got a first hand appreciation for NBC training.

Alber helped both men

be recognized not just today and tomorrow but in the history pages of the Army for years to come.

“All Americans need to know and understand since the end of the Cold War and dramatic reduction in the size of the Active Army, this nation cannot mount any type of major military deployment or action without utilizing the Army Reserve,” he said.

“On behalf of Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White, I want to wish you well and thank you for your service in the active force in the War on Terrorism,” said Montgomery.

Many of the soldiers have had a smooth transition from private citizen to full time soldier.

“Training here has been rigorous and they’ve adapted really well,” said Tipton.

“After the first couple of days, everyone really got into the training and every-

*Army News Service*

SALT LAKE CITY—More than 5,000 soldiers, including members of Fort Riley’s 774th Explosive Ordnance Detachment, are providing support to the Winter Olympics that began Feb. 8 in Utah.

More soldiers are deployed to the Olympics than Afghanistan, said Secretary of the Army Thomas White. He said Joint Task Force-Olympics includes active-duty, National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers. He added that a large part of that force is providing security for the games under the Army’s homeland defense mission.

In its mission to support law enforcement agencies during the games, JTF-O is actually organized into five task forces: aviation, explosive ordnance disposal, force protection, logistics and public affairs.

Task Force-EOD this past month conducted sweep training for hundreds of National Guard soldiers. The troops learned how to search for bombs and other devices so that they can sweep the sports venues prior to competitions. The training will also allow soldiers to sweep vehicles and buildings, officials said, including the Olympic village.

Units from the Utah National Guard have been training with the state highway patrol and sheriff’s offices.

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery (towed) and the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (linguists) trained with law enforcement agencies Jan. 6 at Camp Williams, Utah, on Military Assistance to a Civil Disturbance.

“I’m part of the National Guard and the National Guard’s role is to

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*Soldier chefs*

## Take care of troops

*By Steven Cooke*  
*19th Public Affairs Det.*

Cooks at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex dining facility worked round the clock to make sure soldiers were not just fed but fed well during a Combined Armed Live Fire Exercise in January.

“Soldiers are amazed with what they get,” said SFC Lance Antilla, MPRC dining facility non commissioned officer in charge, “They don’t ask for much because they’re already getting more than they expected.”

Antilla, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, said to prepare the 2,800 meals everyday, the dining facility operates almost 24 hours a day.

“It takes three to four hours to prepare meals,” said PFC Sekaya Simmons, HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, day shift’s first cook.

From 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. the facility served up breakfast, allowing the soldiers to start off their day right. In order to feed

nearly 1,400 people in the morning, soldiers need to start well before serving time.

“The night shift comes in at 11 p.m. the night before to prepare breakfast,” Antilla said.

“I have 11 people working with me,” said Sgt. Christopher Duran, HHC, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, night shift meal leader, “It takes from 1-5 a.m. to set up breakfast. Breakfast is ready to no later than 5:30 a.m.”

For lunch, soldiers ate pre-packaged Meals Ready to Eat on their own time.

Dinner was served from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

“The day shift comes in at 8 a.m. to prepare dinner for the day,” said Antilla.

The dining facility made sure everyone enjoyed a hot meal. The facility packed up and sent meals to the unit’s assembly areas for soldiers who could not make it to the dining facility.

The cooks call these meals “breaks.” About 650 meals were

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# Army awards best community relations programs

By Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—Sharing a heme of reconnecting the Army with the American public, eight commands earned awards for having the Army’s best community elations programs and special vents during 2001.

Maj. Gen. Larry D. Gottardi, hief of Army Public Affairs, preented the awards to command epresentatives during this year’s Army Worldwide Public Affairs ymposium Feb. 4 in McLean, Va.

The Military District of Washngton Public Affairs Office gar-

nered an honor new this year: the Chief of Public Affairs Award of Distinction, in both the program and special-events categories.

Other community-relations program winners, in order, were: Fort Lewis, Wash., for its “Community Connections” program that formally linked surrounding civilian communities and specific civic leaders with units; U.S. Army Europe for its Soldiers Chorus international musical diplomacy tours of the Balkans; and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for its “Humanitarian De-mining Awareness” campaign.

Other community-relations special-events winners, in order,

were: Fort Leonard Wood for an Army birthday event that reached a national audience; Fort Stewart, Ga., for a civic leaders tour of soldiers deployed in Bosnia; and Fort Riley, Kan., for a Korean War remembrance retreat ceremony.

MDW’s planning, marking and execution of its annual Twilight Tattoo, with special emphasis on using customer feedback through-out all phases of the eight-show summer program, won the program distinction award. A total of 67 groups that attended last year’s Twilight Tattoos have already made 10,000 ticket reservations for next summer’s program.

Col. Rich Breen, MDW public

affairs officer, gave credit to all the public affairs staffs with with-in the command for the Twilight Tattoo program’s success.

“This clearly isn’t just a (Major Command) award — we had 100-percent involvement from all the subordinate PAO staffs,” Breen said. “I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished as a team. Attendance at last year’s Tattoo was 60,000 — about double of the largest of any other season.”

MDW PAO got the special-event distinction award for its coordination of the Army Band’s “Tribute to the Citizens of New York” concert at New York City’s

Lincoln Center Oct. 6 and a special memorial performance at ground zero of the World Trade Center Oct. 7. While portions of the concert were televised locally within New York, the memorial performance was aired on two national networks.

While the Army Band has been making an annual fall trip to give New York City a concert for years, the event almost didn’t happen, Breen said. The terrorist attacks initially canceled the event as band members were pressed into service as security guards at the Pentagon. Additionally, the Army ordered the stop to all non-essential travel.

Ten days prior to the originally scheduled Oct. 6 concert date, the concert was approved and rededicated as a tribute. Timely marketing ensured a full concert hall; in previous years, Lincoln Center was never more than half full, Breen said.

“I have seen a few emotional people leave our Twilight Tattoos and Army Band concerts in tears,” Breen said, “but almost everyone left the Lincoln Center concert and World Trade Center memorial performance in tears. Both were very emotional. It was especially touching when the band faced ground zero for ‘God Bless America.’”

## Members named to Audie Murphy Club

By Jeremy Heckler  
19th Public Affairs Det.

Sgt. Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of World War II left a legacy of what a oldier can be, not only for the Army but also o his fellow soldiers.

Eleven noncommissioned officers picked up the legacy of Audie Murphy and were nstalled as the newest members of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club Feb. 5 in a ceremony at Normandy Theater. The ceremony also recog-ized Chrystal McQuay as the Mary Walker ward winner for the support she provides to oldiers on Fort Riley.

Murphy was a born a sharecropper’s son who enlisted in the Army a few days after his 8th birthday. After basic and advanced individual training, Murphy headed for Africa. While serving in Africa and later in Europe Murphy earned 33 military awards, citations and decorations, including every American nedal for valor and received a battlefield ommission.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley, addressed the honorees and congratu-

lated them for their hard work and provided them with a new challenge.

“I want to challenge these great soldiers to seed our country with people who embody the Army Values, whether they fulfill one enlistment or make the Army a career,” said Metz.

He encouraged the noncommissioned officers to instill respect and discipline in their soldiers and have the courage to live up to Murphy’s standards everyday.

“The standard of excellence doesn’t end with the board because soldiers see what you do every single day,” said SFC Robin Ressdorf, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, one of the Audie Murphy inductees.

“I try to live up to the soldiers of the United States Army,” said SFC Richard Jimenez, 331st Signal Company, one of the honorees. Jimenez said he initially went to the board because one of the noncommissioned officers in his unit decided to go to the board and he decided to go to motivate that soldier.

Studying for the board meant not only knowing the regulations but also being able to put that knowledge and experience to help soldiers.

Ressdorf said he prepared for the board by

digging out study manuals as well as talking to unit sergeants major.

“They ask a different type of questions that you won’t find on a soldier or NCO of the Month board,” said Jimenez. “The board wants to see what you know and how you treat soldiers.”

“They always ask you one question you didn’t prepare for but your experience helped you answer,” said Ressdorf. He said over his time as a platoon sergeant he has seen all sorts of soldiers.

“Every different background brings a different circumstance and my job is to take care of soldiers and make sure they’re ready for combat,” said Ressdorf. As a tank commander, Ressdorf prepared many soldiers for added responsibility elsewhere.

For these soldiers it’s not about winning, but helping others.

I didn’t do this to follow in his (Audie Murphy’s) footsteps, I did this to prepare soldiers and mentor fellow tank commanders for the board,” said Ressdorf.

“I don’t think I’ll ever fill his shoes but I try everyday and hopefully one day I’ll be there,” said Jimenez.

## U.S. destroys Afghan arms

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—U.S. commanders in Afghanistan used an AC-130 gunship strike to destroy a “very large cache” of arms and mmunition discovered Jan. 24 at he site of a raid.

U.S. soldiers found the cache at hazar Qadam, the site of a U.S. aid on two Taliban leadership ompounds.

Pentagon spokeswoman Torie Clarke said the raid netted 27 Taliban detainees.

She said officials in Afghanistan are trying to sort out he identities of those captured and their jobs.

She said the Special Forces soldier wounded in the ankle in the ction is being treated at the Army medical center in Landstuhl, Germany.

U.S. and coalition pilots flew 43 sorties over Afghanistan on an. 24.

Other than at Hazar Qadam, no other ordnance was dropped. Pilots remain on call if needed, DoD officials said.

There are 302 Al Qaeda and Taliban detainees under U.S. control in Afghanistan. The number in Cuba remains 158.

A Navy supply ship docked at the base in Guantnamo Bay, Cuba, and delivered supplies and equipment to Joint Task Force-160. The 1,300 task force members are responsible for guarding the detainees.

The ship, the SS Maj. Stephen W. Pless, delivered a Navy fleet hospital to the base.

The hospital will provide medical care to the task force members and the detainees. The Pless is a maritime pre-positioning ship normally assigned in the Mediterranean Sea.

The ship delivered all components of the hospital including buses, vans, ambulances and generators.

Once set up, the hospital is a 500-bed facility that can handle almost all medical emergencies. It has a surgical suite, casualty receiving area, intensive care unit, lab and pharmacy.

Navy stevedores and Marines unloaded the ship in a day.

### Special Mass held Tuesday

A special Mass will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Morris Hill Chapel. The Most Reverend Edwin F. O’Brien, Catholic Archbishop for the Military Services, will conduct the service. Personnel from the post and area communities, Catholic and non-Catholic, are invited. Additionally, O’Brien will be the guest speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday at 6 a.m. at Riley’s Conference Center. Tickets are available through unit chaplains or the Command Chaplain’s Office. Following the breakfast, O’Brien will bless a new mural and portrait of the Chap. (Capt.) Emil Kapaun at 10 a.m. in Kapuan Chapel.

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### U.S. aircraft retaliate over Iraq

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. aircraft since Jan. 21 have struck Iraqi targets three times in the southern no-fly zone, DoD officials said Jan. 24.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters that U.S. aircraft enforcing U.N. resolutions on Iraq dropped precision-guided munitions on anti-aircraft artillery and missile sites Jan. 21, 23 and 24. The attacks responded to Iraqi anti-aircraft gunfire and radar targeting on patrolling coalition aircraft.

Myers said U.S. and coalition aircraft that patrol in both the northern and southern Iraq have been fired on by Iraqi air defenses. “Sometimes it’s Triple-A and sometimes it’s missiles.”

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## Garrison Commander speaks . . . Tactics for avoiding ‘Road Rage’

Aggressive driving is operating a motor vehicle in a manner that is likely to endanger people or property.

Aggressive driving in its most extreme form is known as “road rage” and can be triggered by a driver’s inability to let go of a desire to punish and retaliate against another driver for something they have knowingly or unknowingly done.

The Installation Commander is the lead in prevention of soldier’s aggressive driving habits that expose family members, fellow soldiers and the public to unsafe conditions and accidents.

To prevent aggressive driving from turning into road rage on and off Fort Riley, I have tasked the Directorate of Environment and Safety, Safety Division to implement an Aggressive Driver Training Program for our soldiers. The Safety Division is working with the Provost Marshal’s Office and is providing tools for correcting aggressive driving habits.

One of the tools for the commander’s use is the Traffic Infraction Point System.

This Traffic Infraction Point system uses Department of Army Traffic Safety and Compliance

regulations to provide for good law and order on military installation’s street and roads. The system provides for traffic points to be given if a soldier receives a traffic infraction while driving on the installation.

Different traffic infractions will result in points being assessed, and if a soldier receives 12 points

### Townhall Message:

By Col. Philip Pope  
Garrison Commander

within a 12-month period his or her license is revoked. To lessen the chance of a soldier receiving 12 points when a soldier receives nine points, in a 12-month period, the soldier will attend required training designed to assist in retaining his/her licence..

Soldiers who receive nine traffic points will attend the Aggressive Driver Training Program to help curtail poor driving habits before they cause accidents or require severe administrative actions.

The Aggressive Driver program is designed to address the complex emotions, contributing

factors, and preventive strategies that surround aggressive driving.

In addition, the program is intended to change the attitude and behavior of the driver, while increasing the awareness of the issue.

The first step in solving the problem is to help drivers realize that they may be part of the problem. Training will be conducted one Saturday each month from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Bldg. 7656. The unit commander and soldier will receive written notification from me, stating that the soldier has accumulated nine points and is scheduled to attend the Aggressive Driver Training Program.

It is important that every leader and soldier read the Safety Bulletin SB01-005 on aggressive drivers, which is located on the DES Safety Intranet site <https://intranet.riley.army.mil/des/documents.htm>.

The first session is scheduled for April 6. Successful completion of this class will be a requirement to maintain driving privileges on Fort Riley.

This effort is undertaken to continue to enhance the safety for all who live and work at Fort Riley.

## Afghan forces lead hospital raid

By Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Anti-Taliban Afghan forces supported by U.S. Special Forces Jan. 27 killed six Al Qaeda members who had seized one of the wings of a hospital in Kandahar.

“Despite numerous attempts to negotiate their peaceful surrender, the six had been holed up in the hospital for almost two months,” Rear Adm. John D. Stufflebeem said at the Pentagon. Several of the anti-Taliban forces were wounded in the operation, only one seriously, he noted. There were no U.S. forces injured.

“The Afghans led the raid and met headlong with the Al Qaeda members who obviously did not intend to surrender,” Stufflebeem said. “They had threatened anyone who would hear them that they would kill themselves before being taken. The Afghan commander made the determination that the chances for a negotiated surrender were over, it is time to forcibly remove them.”

Last week, U.S. forces raided compounds at Tazad Qadam that U.S. officials had determined was a meetinghouse for Al Qaeda or Taliban. The raid revealed a cache of arms and ammunition.

“Due to the intelligence reports generated by observing this facility,” he said, “the commander decided to put a force on the ground to go into this compound, find out who was there, what they may

have been up to and try to get some detainees. It was clearly not a case to bring in bombers and drop guided weapons and just level the place as has been done in some cases in the past.”

When U.S. special operating forces breached the compound during the night raid, he said, “those forces were fired upon. In defending themselves, about 15 or 16 (Taliban or Al Qaeda) people were killed and 27 were taken into custody. Those individuals are now in U.S. detention and they are being interrogated.”

During the course of the raid, Stufflebeem said, U.S. forces determined that the Taliban and Al Qaeda members there had people in detention. That could explain why some people were found bound and dead, he noted.

After all survivors were cleared from the buildings, Stufflebeem said, U.S. forces called in an AC-130 gunship to destroy the ammunition stored at the site.

Stufflebeem also provided more details on the collision of the attack submarine USS Greenville and the amphibious transport ship USS Ogden. The two ships collided while transferring two personnel from the submarine to the transport ship, he said.

In the maneuvering to bring the ships into proximity, he said, “they bumped — “The starboard aft side of the USS Ogden, to the control side of the port side of the USS Greenville. The two aft ends touched.”

## Army moves toward digital divisions, 4th Inf. Div., 101st Airborne test system

By Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON—Commanders at two divisions are testing a system that digitally tracks the battle while the tactical operations center is being torn down and moved to another location.

The Army Airborne Command and Control System, known as A2C2S, is a centralized work area with five laptop workstations and a centralized communications flat panel display that supports corps echelons or higher. The workstations, which are housed out of a UH-60 Black Hawk, support intelligence, fire support, logistics and communication functions.

There are currently two systems that are being used as demonstrator models. They were delivered to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, in July and the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., in December. The demonstrator models were put in the field to get early feedback, officials said. Other systems won’t be fielded until January 2003, however, when three models will be sent to the 4th Infantry Division, said Maj. Tony Potts, the A2C2S assistant product manager.

The 4th ID is the Army’s first digitized division, which means the division will be equipped with technology that generates, stores and processes data. The first time the division used the A2C2S system was during its Division Capstone Exercise II.

“The system gives the commander flexibility to command and control from an aerial platform, and allows him to maneu-

ver around the battlefield and reposition quickly,” said Lt. Col. Michael Senters, the executive officer for 4th Brigade, 4th ID.

The whole Army will benefit from this system, Potts said, but especially the field commanders

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—Maj. Tony Potts  
Assistant Product Manager

and their battle staff. Commanders will no longer lose those 30 minutes of situational awareness en route to another location, Potts said. The commander just transfers the battle to an airborne TOC. As updates come in he’s able to transmit new orders or directives as events take place, Potts said.

“Commanders using the system don’t have to wait until they get to the next location, wait until the TOC gets set up, see the changes that have taken place and then make decisions,” Potts said.

It also allows commanders the option to get closer to the battlefield, Potts said. The human element of command should never be lost, Potts said, and soldiers need to see their

commanders up front. Commanders need to lead from the front, he added.

Another key function of the system is cross training is not needed for battle staff members. The battlefield software used in the TOC will work exactly the same in the A2C2S.

While the A2C2S is the part of a plan to digitize Fort Hood, a second system was given to the 101st Airborne Division so that the Army can monitor how other units can benefit from the system.

“Digitization is where we’re working to get, but we still have a few years to get there. We’re going to have a lot of these in the field, some of which will either go to partially digitized divisions or maybe nondigitized divisions,” Potts said.

Digitizing Fort Hood is an ongoing process, Senters said, with Hood’s 1st Cavalry Division and III Corps Artillery next on the list.

The capabilities of the Airborne TOC have also been put into a humvee, and labeled as a ground communications system. The ground system, however, is part of a homeland defense initiative and has not yet been funded.

“The ground system is what we call a horizontal technology integration,” Potts said. “We transferred the technology from our aircraft to a humvee to show that we can use five workstations to form a battalion TOC, instead of four armored vehicles.”

If the \$27.5 million funding for the homeland defense initiative is approved, Potts said the plan is to build systems for six aircraft and three humvees.

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## Commissary open

The Fort Riley Commissary will be open on President's Day, Monday from 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

## Trash schedule changes

Due to the holiday Monday the refuse collection schedule will be as follows:

- Monday — No pickup
  - Tuesday — Colyer Manor, Marshall Air Field Housing, Main Post Housing
  - Wednesday — Ellis Heights, Peterson Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Montie Heights
  - Thursday — Warner Heights, Burnside Heights
  - Feb. 22 — McClellan Heights, Mead Heights, South Peterson, South Warner
- There will not be any large items pick ups.

## Reserve The Shoppe

The Shoppe is the perfect place to find unique handmade crafts, kitchenware, decorative accessories, antiques, pottery and art work. It is located in Bldg. 259 on Stuart Ave. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

The Shoppe can be reserved for office groups. A discount is given on the purchases the night of your function. Call 239-2783.

## Thrift Shop has formals

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is currently seeking furniture consignments and will begin accepting summer clothes for consignment Tuesday. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.. Consignments are taken on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and on open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - noon. The shop is located in Bldg. 267 on Stuart Avenue near the stables. Volunteers are needed during business hours to help tag and put donations on the shelves. Child care reimbursement is available. Please call 784-3874 for more information. The Thrift Shop e-mail address is [thrift@oz-online.net](mailto:thrift@oz-online.net), for customer questions or concerns.

## Fire Department responds

The Fort Riley Fire Department responded to 48 calls for the week Jan. 31-Feb. 7. The calls included fire, rescue, hazardous materials, MEDEVAC and alarms.

## Car wash operational

The Automotive Skills Center eight-bay car wash is operational.

The car wash facility, located just behind the Auto Skills Center, Bldg. 7753 Apennines, Custer Hill, was shut down due to the winter storm.

## PWOC meets

The PWOC Bible Studies are taking place at Morris Hill Chapel on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 a.m. The studies are "Jesus the One and Only" and "How do you walk the walk you talk." Child care is provided for the morning sessions.

## Instructors needed

Child and Youth Services are looking for a trained and experienced instructor to teach private piano lessons. Lessons will be given after school and/or evenings on certain weekdays.

## Tobacco cessation offered

New classes are forming to kick that tobacco habit. Irwin Army Community Hospital offers a four-week tobacco cessation program, which meets on Wednesday from 5 - 6 p.m. or Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietician teaches participants healthy ways to avoid weight gain.

Military servicemembers, their families, and DoD civilians may participate in the tobacco cessation program. Call 239-7323.

## Breast-feeding classes at IACH

The Women and Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free breast-feeding classes on the third Tuesday of each month. A dietician will address the nutritional requirements for breast-feeding moms and a breast-feeding educator will talk about the advantages of breast-feeding and how to prepare for successful nursing. Breast-feeding techniques, troubleshooting advice and where to find support will also be offered. Classes are held in the Obstetrics classroom on the third floor from 1 - 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 239-7434.

## Sports U.S.A. announces programs

Sports U.S.A. continues its two special DJ music programs. The next "Trooper Nights" featuring Urban and Hip-Hop with DJ Monroe are scheduled Feb. 23 and March 9 and 23 starting at 10 p.m. The next Sports U.S.A. "Latino Music Night" programs are set for tomorrow night and March 2, 16 and 30 and also begin

at 10 p.m.

Sports U.S.A. has also added Flashback Thursdays to its weekly program lineup. Music from the 70s, 80s and 90s is featured from 8 p.m. to Midnight each Thursday.

## Community Action Council scheduled

The next Community Action Council is scheduled for Feb. 27, from 9:30-11 a.m. at Riley's Conference Center.

## Open shop available

The Fort Riley Arts and Crafts Center offers a number of open shop usage areas for patrons. Usage areas include woodshop, ceramics studios, matting and framing studio, computer lab, photography, stained glass, sewing, quilting, basket weaving and leather. Specialized equipment such as sewing machines, glass saw and grinders and engraving equipment are available for walk-in use.

Open shop activities hours of operation are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday and 1-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

The center is co-located with ITR in Bldg. 6918.

## Volunteers recognized

The annual Fort Riley Volun-

teer Recognition Ceremony has been scheduled for April 22, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center. The ceremony will kick-off Volunteer Recognition Week April 22-26.

## Teen dances this weekend

Teen dances combined with canned food drives are planned this weekend at the Child and Youth Services Teen Center, Bldg. 5800, Thomas and Long Streets. The middle school age dance is scheduled tonight from 8-10:30 p.m. and the high school age dance is set tomorrow night from 9 p.m. to midnight.

## Renovations proposed

Fort Riley's Directorate of Public Works is proposing the renovation of Quarters 1, and Bldgs. 46, 47, 48, 304 and the installation of a new equestrian statue adjacent to the Cavalry Museum in the Main Post Historic District. For more information, call Dr. Rahim Borhani, Dynamac Corporation, Inc., Directorate of Environment and Safety at 785-239-0443.

## Leave Donations

Several Fort Riley employees are facing leave without pay due to illnesses. To donate leave, call 239-6080 or email [elzys@riley.army.mil](mailto:elzys@riley.army.mil).



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SFC Susan E. Nieves, U.S. Army Reserve, HHC, Support Area, Kansas City, Mo., is given a wellness exam by Maj. (Dr.) Elizabeth G. Beyer-Nolen, obstetrician/gynecologist, IACH.

# Moms, babies deliver satisfaction for doctor

By Emilie L. Howe

MEDDAC PAO

Obstetrics/Gynecology - this doctor likes the clinical variety found in her career. In the two years and nine months at Fort Riley, Maj. (Dr.) Elisabeth G. Beyer-Nolen, Obstetrician-Gynecologist, has delivered babies; carried a surgical case-load, and sees to her patient appointments.

"Fort Riley is my first assignment that has utilized me as a Gynecologist," said.Beyer-Nolen. She is also the chief of OB/GYN Service at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

According to Beyer-Nolen, a physician's bedside manner, patient repoire, and the ability to manage time are what determine success as a medical practitioner.

She and her husband, Claude B. Nolen, III, (Glendale, Ariz.) reside in Manhattan. After retiring from the Army, Nolen went through the training to become a Harley-Davidson motorcycle mechanic and is working in Salina

pacha, Wisc., and William J. Beyer of Milwaukee.

I thought about going into medicine when I entered college, she said. Beyer-Nolen was in the college Army ROTC program of Ripon College of Ripon, Wisc. She is the third generation of her family to participate in Army's ROTC program.

She graduated from Ripon College with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Math and was assigned to the Medical Corps., 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

After her four-year assignment, Beyer-Nolen was accepted at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md., in 1991. Her internship and part of her medical residency was at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas. My last year of residency was at the National Naval Medical Center, in Bethesda.

"It was like going home," she said, "I knew my way around."

Beyer-Nolen is studying for her board certification in

# AAFES awards students with ‘You Made The Grade’

By Suzanne Downs

AAFES

DALLAS—You Made the Grade, the most successful coupon program in the history of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, has completed another year of recognizing 6th through 12th grade students for their academic achievements.

In 2001, 27 students were awarded \$90,000 in savings bonds, and thousands of other kids took home coupon packages.

Thanks to vendor partner Procter & Gamble, AAFES increased the value of the January sweepstakes drawing to \$60,000. Three addi-

tional drawings of \$10,000 each were held, for an annual grand total of \$90,000.

"Students in military families deserve recognition for their scholastic achievements," said Dave Reza, senior program manager. "They've risen to the challenge of maintaining academic excellence, while facing frequent school transfers."

Students wishing to participate in the You Made the Grade program should bring their B-average, or better, report cards to their local AAFES main exchange to receive a coupon book with savings of more than \$50 on such items as footwear, fragrances and fast food.

Entry forms for U.S. Savings Bond draw-

ings are included in the coupon package.

Vendor partners made it possible for AAFES to award U.S. Savings Bonds, totaling \$10,000, to three students each quarter.

Winners of a \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 bond are selected by a random drawing held by an independent contractor, in January, April, July and October.

This year, AAFES will continue the You Made The Grade program for the military communities' best students, and updated student registration packages will include even more coupons.

AAFES will also once again award \$90,000 in savings bonds.

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# Army publications clerks learn to manage mountain of paperwork

*By James B. Pritchett*  
*Editor*

New Army recruiting advertisements say there are 220 ways to be a soldier. For every one of those jobs and all the different civilian positions in the Army, there is a mountain of publications to ensure every employee knows the requirements of their tasks.

Field guides, instruction manuals, forms and other documents are printed and distributed by the Government Printing Office.

Managing that flow of information itself is a monumental task.

The Directorate of Information Management teaches a class to help unit publications clerks better understand their jobs and how to ensure their unit has the publications soldiers and civilians need to do their jobs.

Maintaining a complete set of publications for a unit is also a requirement and is a part of Command Inspections. Fort Riley's Carol Hale, publications manager at DOIM and also a member of the IG inspection team, coaches publications clerks both in the classroom and during Staff Assistance Visits.

Hale has been teaching the publications class and conducting inspections for 11 years. The class is mandatory for all publications clerks and alternates.

"I think the people who come to this class should request a SAV within 30 days to find out what they have learned and let us help them fine tune the way they are doing things," said Hale. "It's important to do this before an inspection so there is a better chance of passing when the inspection comes along.

"In the class we teach what they are supposed to do and during the SAV we can see if they are doing it correctly," she said. "We can give more one-on-one help during the SAV."

Students of the class find it helps them perform better in their jobs, as many publications clerks are trained in other jobs such as infantryman, administrative assis-

tant or even truck driver.

"I learned some on my own, but this class has really explained a lot. This is the only training I've had to do this job. Now I'll be able to order correctly; so publications aren't sent to the wrong companies," said Pvt. 2 Monaqua Mathews, 125th Forward Support Battalion.

"I am a truck driver. This is just where the unit put me. I've been here since November so I'm just learning what I need to do," she said. "I feel a lot better about doing this job now. I have confidence about what I am doing instead of just guessing."

publications that we have to learn," said Mathews. "The Internet and a computer program are the main tools we learn to use in this class to order and manage publications. It really helps to know both ways."

"Regulations about the DA Publications Program date back to the mid-90s so, some of the information is dated," said Hale. "We go into using the Internet, which allows a publications clerk to order DA, DoD FORSCOM and technical publications all online.

"All the regulations now are electronic. They are all available online, however there are still

material in class I directly point out the areas related to inspections. I tell them 'This is something we check for during an inspection.'"

"One of the biggest problems we see during inspections is a lack of continuity. Many times the clerks are new to the unit. Many have not been to this class," said Hale. Without a stable, knowledgeable person in the job, it's not going to help the unit pass the inspection.

"When the commander appoints a publications clerk, the selection of that individual can impact not only the Publications

commander."

"We would like to see more command emphasis on the program. Those units that have a good publications program are more likely to pass the inspection," said Hale.

"Publications relate directly to readiness," she said. "If vehicles and equipment don't operate properly, and maintenance personnel don't have the information they need to make repairs, that has a direct impact on readiness. If vehicles and equipment aren't properly maintained, they can break down in the field or even in a combat situation.

improving in this area of their Command Inspections, sending unit publications clerks and alternates to Hale's class is a good start. To have Hale take a look at a particular unit's specific needs, the unit would have to schedule a Staff Assistance Visit at least six weeks in advance.

Classes are held once a month and are almost always full. The class is seven hours of instruction.

Those who want to can take the class again if they feel they need to concentrate on some of the material, according to Hale.

Staff Assistance Visits occur as a result of a subordinate unit's request for assistance within a particular functional area. A SAV is scheduled by the requesting unit to focus on a single area.

Staff Assistance Visits are designed to assist, teach, and train staff personnel on their area of interest. They are not an inspection of the unit's functional area.

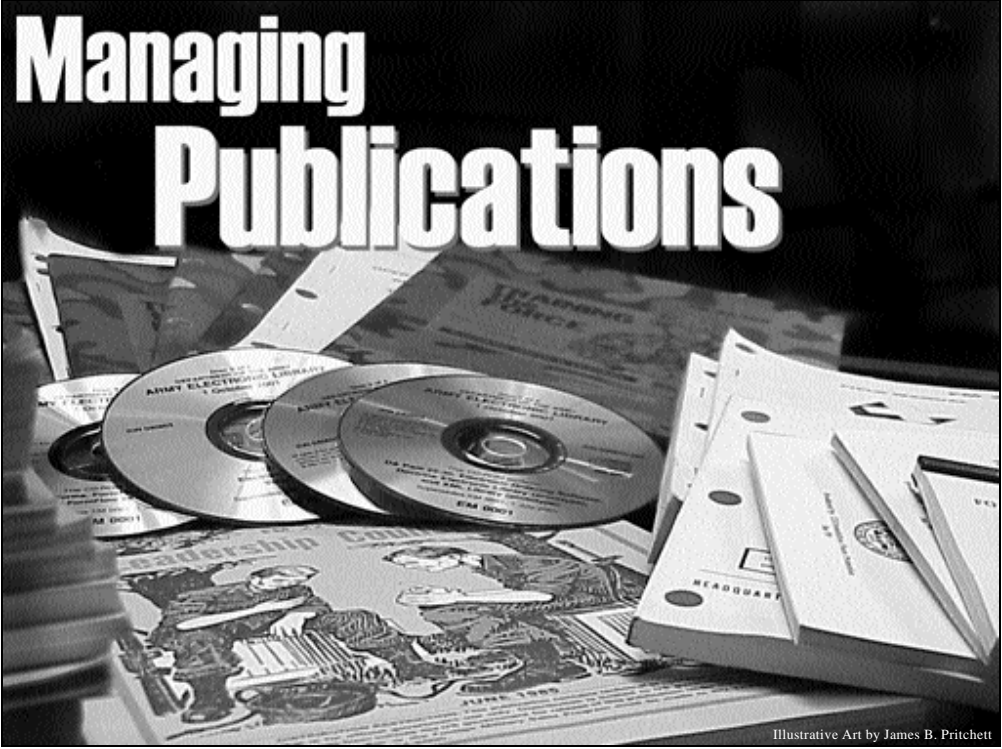
Higher headquarters or the functional area staff representative at installation level can perform a SAV.

As a result of the Staff Assistance Visits, Inspections, follow-ups, training courses, command emphasis and having the right publications clerk, units are putting Publications Programs in place, resulting in improvements in the inspection, said Hostetler.

In FY00 publications were inspected 38 times at brigade, battalion and company level and earned a "Red" or "No Program" in place rating 71 percent of the time and in FY01 there were 36 inspections with a "Red" or "No Program" in place rating 44 percent of the time.

"There is still room for improvement but with continued emphasis and hard work this upward trend will continue," said Hostetler.

Publications Management is one of 69 areas inspected as part of the Commanding General's Command Inspection Program of each brigade/battalion/separate company on Fort Riley annually.



Illustrative Art by James B. Pritchett

"One thing we learned in class that I didn't know about was ordering online. That makes the job much easier," said Mathews.

In the past few years, publications management has become a little easier with the conversion of many documents to electronic versions available on the Internet or through other means such as CD-ROM.

"There are two ways to order

many manuals that are printed such as maintenance and repair manuals and their updates that must be ordered," she said.

"Students learn how to manage an account, order publications and maintain a tracking system," said Hale. "As we go through the

Program of that unit but also many other critical areas within his command," said Dixie Hostetler, chief, IG Inspection Team. "Having the right publications clerk with some longevity and Army experiences can help lead to the success of the unit and

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### Flag Detail

Members of Fort Riley Boy Scout Troop #60 and soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, fold the flag after Retreat at Bldg. 500 Feb. 8. After the flag detail, the Scouts hiked the Historical Trail walk, camped out and finished the walk on Feb. 9.

## Guardsmen dies in helicopter crash

From Army News Service

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla.—A Florida National Guard soldier was killed and another injured when their AH-64A Apache attack helicopter crashed Feb. 9 in a raining area at Camp Blanding, Fla.

The copilot, WO Justin Swoford, 24, of St. Augustine, Fla., was killed. The pilot, CWO3 Kent E. Walker, 40, of Jacksonville, Fla., is hospitalized in stable condition at University Hospital in Jacksonville.

The pilots, which were the only two on board the Apache, belong to 1st Battalion, 111th Attack Aviation Regiment based at Craig Field in Jacksonville.

At this time the cause of the

accident is not known, according to National Guard officials. They said the accident will be investigated by the Florida Army Guard Aviation Safety Office and the Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala.

The aircraft was on a routine training mission operating as part of a four-aircraft team at the time of the incident. The last radio contact with the aircraft was 3:18 p.m., and it is believed the crash occurred at 3:30 p.m.

When the aircraft was reported missing, the other three AH-64 Apaches from the four-aircraft team began searching the training area. Later the aircraft were routed to Naval Air Station Jacksonville to refuel and continue the search.

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# Iron Rangers conduct live fire exercise

By Chris Kinney  
Unit Correspondent

On a post where armor battalions outnumber infantry battalions and where tanks and Bradleys receive most of the attention, the infantry squads of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry had the opportunity last week to demonstrate their lethality and abilities on the modern day battlefield.

From Feb. 5-8, the Iron Rangers conducted company defensive live fire exercises with only their infantry squads.

“It’s good to be part of a unit that incorporates the dismounted infantrymen and gives them the recognition they deserve,” said Sgt. Harvey Shaw of Company C.

This is the first time a dismounted live-fire has been conducted at company level at Fort

Riley. The concept originated with 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry; however, they were only able to fire with one platoon at a time. With some refinement and coordination with range control, the Iron Rangers were able to conduct the exercise with an entire company executing the mission.

The purpose of the exercise was to train each company on various tasks, including developing a battle position, building an engagement area, and implementing direct fire control measures.

Company C, the Wolfpack, was the first to dig into the frozen plain with E-tools and shovels.

Preparation of the battle position began the morning of Feb. 5 and continued through the night until the enemy’s attack during the early hours of Feb. 6.

Wolfpack successfully defended its position, destroyed the enemy, and set the standard for



Unit Photo/Turner

A soldier from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry mans his fighting position during the Iron Rangers’ live-fire exercise. Soldiers dug into the frozen earth to build their defenses.

the other companies.

According to Pvt. Truman Thacker, the training was “pretty high-speed. It was fun to shoot live rounds.”

Company B, the Bushmasters, was the next company to test the mettle of its infantrymen Feb. 7, followed by Company A, the

Gators, Feb. 8.

One of the Bushmasters’ squad leaders, Sgt. Brian Bell, said, “the toughest leadership challenge was getting the mission accomplished while taking care of the soldiers given the harsh environment. The soldiers worked hard and did a great job.”

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Anthony Luvane of HHC, 3rd Brigade, tries to finish on a teammate's shot. Luvane and his bulldog teammates defeated Co. 3, 1st Bn., 13th Armor 48-29, Feb. 5 at Long Gym. The Bulldogs are trying to run the table before the post-wide tournament Tuesday.

## Bulldogs breeze past Armor, 48-29

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

For teams that are superior to their competition, it can be hard to stay focused.

Not underestimating opponents and preparing for postseason play is the key to being the best.

Continuing on their march to another postseason trip, the Bulldogs of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, stayed focused against Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, and remained perfect on the season, with a 48-29 victory at Long Gym Feb. 5.

"We wanted to create mismatches," said Bulldog coach, Jeston McMoore. "We have one of the tallest and most versatile players out here with center Anthony Luvane, the play of Willie Jones, and the hooting of Jermaine Holloway, we think no one can stop us right now."

The Bulldogs controlled the pace of the game by controlling the boards and creating the mismatches they wanted.

"With Luvane, a former Junior College basketball player, and others we can dictate what we want to do," McMoore said. "I think we can rebound better than anyone on post, plus our low post game is tough to defend."

The Bulldogs jumped on top of Bravo early with a 17-9 run to start the game. They kept the intensity up to end the half as well, and led at the break, 24-9.

"We had one of the best first halves I've seen as a coach of this ball club," said McMoore. "We came out with intensity."

"Dunks and lay-ups seem to get everyone excited and jumping around, and we just rode that intensity throughout the first half," he said.

"We play the same every time we come out," said Luvane. "We just work well as a team and we all get along off the court as well."

McMoore and his Bulldogs usually run an offense, which is very productive against the man-to-man defense, but Bravo came out and played zone. They didn't switch their offense and it didn't hinder them in any way.

During the second half, Bravo began to become frustrated with the tough defense of the Bulldogs. Bravo players began to receive technical fouls by arguing with the officials.

"For some reason the last few games we have played have received multiple technical fouls," said McMoore. "I think it's because of good play by us."

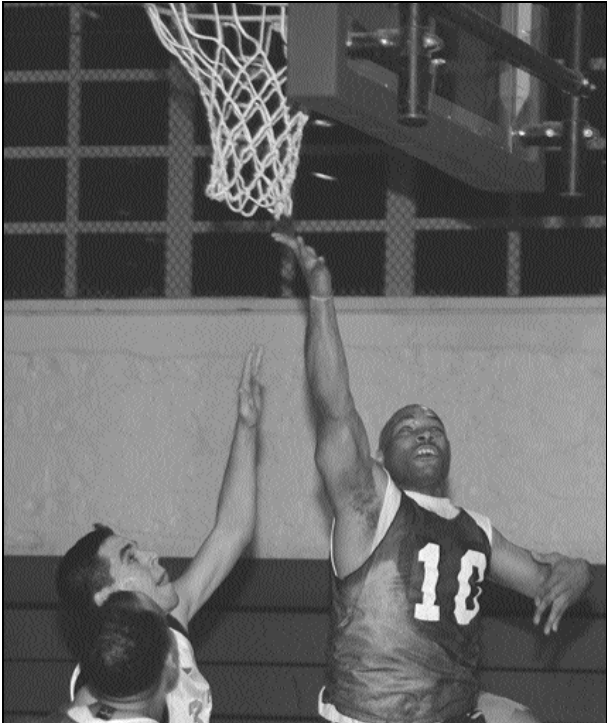
"We frustrate teams because we



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Bobby Harris, 977th MPs, grabs the rebound between Bryant Hill and Eric Branch of 1st PSB. PSB used an uptempo game to complete the miraculous comeback Monday at King Field House, 65-63. PSB had three players score in double figures.

## 1st PSB edges 977th MPs, 65-63



Post/Doheny

Bryant Hill puts a shot back on a rebound during their second half comeback. Hill had 14 points.

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

"It's not over 'til it's over," is a statement that is synonymous with sports.

It basically means the game isn't over until the last second has ticked off the clock.

People who use this as motivation for never being out of the game believe they still have a chance at victory, no matter the score.

1st Personnel Services Battalion took the statement to heart.

They overcame a 19-point first-half deficit to beat the 977th Military Police Company Monday at King Field House.

"We came together as a team in the second half," said Derrick Davis of Personnel. "We hustled after everything and it paid off."

The MPs shot out of the gates with a 13-1 run and held a double-digit lead going into halftime.

Personnel had a few words with the officials during the halftime to confirm some of the calls, which went against them in the first half.

As the second half started,

they ate away at the MP lead and had the deficit down to 10 points at the all-important 10-minute mark.

Teams down by double digits in basketball try to get their deficit down to 10 points with 10 minutes left in the game because one spurt can get them back within striking distance.

They pressured the MPs down the court, forcing turnover after turnover down the stretch and tied the ball game with less than three minutes to play.

"For one night we finally came together and played as a team during the second half and overtime, and it resulted in us getting the win," said Bryant Hill of Personnel.

With the score tied 58-58, Personnel had a chance to get the victory during regulation, but Davis' shot at the buzzer just dipped out and the game went into overtime.

During the extra period, both teams dropped the ball into the hands of their big men.

Battling back and forth, the game came down to the last shot where Davis had a chance to redeem himself. With the final

seconds running off the clock, the ball was dropped down low to him and he made sure he didn't miss the shot.

As the buzzer sounded the ball left his fingers and the result of that score gave Personnel the win.

The score was controversial, but the officials confirmed, after the shot fell, it was in time.

The MPs were in disbelief that the game was decided on a shot, which was so controversial.

"Bad rebounding is what killed us in the first half, but we did the things we needed to do in order for us to be successful in the second half to get us back in the game," said Hill.

"We believed the whole time we still were in the game. We told ourselves at halftime we were going to take it and we did," he said.

Personnel wrapped up their regular season Monday, but the MPs still had one more game, which was played Wednesday at King Field House.

The Fort Riley postseason tournament starts Tuesday, and the championship game is set for Feb. 22.

## Nothing shines as bright as Olympic Spirit

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

The Olympics. Besides Barnum and Bailey's Circus, there isn't a better show on earth.

It brings together the world's five great continents for the greatest compilation of athletes the world has to offer, but maybe the Olympics biggest asset is bringing the world together in peace and harmony for those 16 days.

With all the chaos in the world, there is a symbol of togetherness, which brings everyone to the same place, the center of the Olympic Spirit; the

During these 16 days, the Olympic Flame burns strong and the world's best battle one another with hopes of doing their country proud.

Most of these athletes will go back to their homelands and return to their normal lives once the Games conclude, but the memories they take with them will be priceless. Memories of all the pageantry and emotion associated with the Olympics.

As I watched the opening ceremony, I once again realized why people love sport.

### Commentary

fulfill their dreams of representing themselves, their families, and their countries.

These athletes don't just wear the colors of their great nations on their clothes, they wear them on their hearts.

As the Games move along, only two out of every 10 Olympians will have a chance to leave Salt Lake with medals. This doesn't affect their morale because of how special the Olympics are.

Most have an understanding they will go home without a medal, but know what they take

pants who come from very small countries have chances to bring home gold, just as the big countries have.

With every Olympics, there are stories of athletes who overcome some obstacle to get where they are. Someone who has overcome a disability, disappointment or tragedy.

The American Spirit is flying as high as the Olympic Spirit is. Americans have flocked to Utah to support their fellow Americans, and do their part to help them win the gold.

With painted faces and

heaven for people who love to show off their spirit. As the athletes creep up to the starting lines or gates, the American faithful shout out at the top of their lungs, "USA, USA, USA."

After the attacks of Sept. 11, most of the world questioned on how well we could protect their athletes, and how safe they were staying in the Olympic Village, where most of the athletes stay during the Games.

I guess we showed the world how well we can protect our people.

As the games swing into week two, the battles rage on. The competition heats up in the events like sausage on the grid-

# Kansas offers variety of winter activities

By Gibran Suleiman  
Wildlife Biologist

While most hunters and anglers spend the month of February and March inside, thumbing through hunting and fishing catalogs longingly staring out the window, some take advantage of what late winter in Kansas has to offer.

There are plenty of ways to get out and experience the outdoors in ways that most people don't dare to.

As the DES Conservation Division's firearms deer season came to a close in late December, it became apparent that male deer were already beginning to drop their antlers.

So, by February, there should be plenty of shed antlers on the ground waiting for someone with a keen eye and a little luck who is not afraid to do a little walking.

Training areas north of Vinton School Road are still walk-in areas only. People who are willing to do a little hiking will likely end up finding the most antlers.

You do not need to have any permits to collect deer or elk sheds, but you do need a salvage permit if you find a dead deer or elk and wish to keep any part of

that animal, including the antlers.

Fort Riley game wardens can issue salvage permits.

Late winter can also be a great time for bird watching, especially with the mild days that we have experienced lately.

The Milford Lake area typically attracts hundreds of bald eagles during the months of January and February.

They can be spotted throughout the day perched in trees along the water's edge.

A good pair of binoculars can

eral very rare avian visitors to this part of the state.

Snowy owls, normally a resident of the tundra, have ventured into Kansas this year.

There has been around six or so different snowy owl reports in the eastern half of the state.

There have been two unfirmed sightings of the owl on Fort Riley.

Most of the sightings in the state have occurred at large reservoirs, like Clinton Lake, Marion County Reservoir.

Snowy owls are different from

Cameron springs located on Custer Hill has already been stocked twice this winter with rainbow trout and the conservation division is planning on stocking it again in March, and once more in April.

In addition to a Fort Riley fishing permit and state of Kansas license you also need a special trout permit, which can be purchased at the outdoor recreation building (Bldg. 9011) for \$10.

No matter what you decide to do winter is a great time to get outside, especially considering how mild this winter has been. It is the only time of the year you don't need to worry about bug bites, poison ivy or hoards of people.

As always when you embark on any outdoor adventure think about including a child or teenager who might not be familiar with the outdoors.

It is crucial that we work to instill good ethics and an understanding of the outdoors in today's youth in order to preserve the outdoors for generations to come.

If you have questions concerning any form of outdoor recreational activities on Fort Riley, please contact the Conservation Division at 785-239-6211.

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aid in viewing them, but are not a necessity.

Remember that the bald eagle is federally listed as threatened and so harassing eagles in any way is strictly prohibited.

Woodlands on Fort Riley are a great place to seek out many of the songbirds that over-winter here.

Birds like black-capped chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches, dark-eyed juncos, tufted titmice, northern cardinals and several species of woodpeckers can all be seen and heard around trees and birdfeeders.

This winter has produced sev-

owls that are normally found around here in the fact that they typically do not perch on trees and are active during the day.

In most of the sightings reported in Kansas, the owl was seen sitting on ice or in more recent sightings it was perched on large rocks close to water.

Crossbills and pine siskins, also birds that typically live further north, have also been recorded in this part of Kansas, feeding in pine trees.

For those who have little interest in feathers nor fur, there is some quality fishing to be done this time of year.

# Shooters win gold, break records

From Army News Service

**FORT BENNING, Ga.**—Soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit scored several major victories in overseas competitions during the past month.

At the Shotgun World Cup Finals in Doha, Qatar, 1st Sgt. Joseph D. Buffa won the Bronze Medal in the 100m Keet Match Jan. 27-28.

In Norway's Rogaland Open, Sgt. Jason A. Parker won two Gold Medals in the Men's Air Rifle competitions. His scores also beat the current world's

record in both matches.

Spec. Grant E. Saylor won the Gold Medals in the two Air Pistol competitions in Stavanger, Norway, Jan. 18 and 19. Spec. Mary K. Elsass received the Bronze Medal in the Women's Air Rifle match.

At the Grand Prix in the Czech Republic, Jan. 11 to 13, Parker won the Gold Medal in the Air Rifle Grand Prix Jan. 12. Parker also took the Silver Medal in the Jan. 13 Air Rifle match out of 35 competitors from 11 countries; he finished just 7/10ths of a point from the Gold Medal in Pilzen, Czech Republic.

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## Sports Briefs

### Outdoor Rec programs planned

Outdoor Recreation is presenting a number of programs with its Outdoor Recreation Equipment Orientation program. A 3D Archery Shoot is planned for Feb. 23 at 9 a.m. All programs conducted at the Outdoor Rec Center, Bldg. 9011, Rifle Range Road, Camp Forsyth.

### Hunters Education

A Hunter's Education Class, is scheduled for Feb. 20-22, at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 9011. It will be held from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. all three nights.

Sign up at the Outdoor Recreation Center. The class is open to anyone that needs it; it is a requirement for hunting on Fort Riley.

### Racquetball Tournament Set

The 2002 Fort Riley Battalion-Level Racquetball Tournament will be held Feb. 22-24. Each battalion commander may enter a men's team consisting of a maximum of 10 players.

A battalion may enter no more than four players in any one division. The divisions are A,B,C and Doubles.

Each battalion commander

may enter a women's team consisting of a maximum of six players. The divisions are A,B and doubles.

Both male and female players may compete in only one singles division, but are eligible to enter and compete in the doubles competition.

For questions call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

### Swim Meet Set

The 2002 Fort Riley Men's and Women's Swimming Meet will be held Thursday at Long Pool starting at 4 p.m. A battalion may organize one men's team consisting of 10 swimmers and one women's team consisting of six swimmers in order to receive maximum participation points.

An individual is authorized to compete in no more than three events, relay not included. All registration for the swimming meet will take place at event site prior to the start of each event.

For more information call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

### Sports U.S.A. WWF telecast

The next World Wrestling Federation pay-per-view telecast event at Sports U.S.A. is scheduled for this coming Sunday. The WWF "No Way Out" telecast begins at 7 p.m.





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## Sisters serve together

By Lillian Flegle

Contributing Writer

Bigger and 'badder' than Charlie's Angels are three sister soldiers, dressed in camouflage.

LaTonya Thomas, Sgt. Katrina Howard and PFC Tawana Glover are now reunited at Fort Riley after leaving home to join the Army and serve their country.

Their mother and father Margie and Milton Glover said their biggest challenge as parents was when their children left the nest for military service.

"Dads play it off as 'no big deal,' said the proud father, when in reality, both mom and dad go through the typical worrisome stages as they watch their little girls raise their hands and take the oath to protect and defend their country."

They said they put on brave fronts as they watched their daughters head off to basic training.

Milton and his wife learned to cope with these feelings after having three of their four daughters, so far, join the Army.

According to the Glovers, they had a tough time letting go, but decided to support their daughters in their decisions to enter the military.

When they called home early in their careers for support from their parents, Glover said he told his daughters, "You're a Glover; you're tough, and you can do it."

The eldest sister, LaTonya, who was a specialist when she left the military in January, joined the U. S. Army in 1993. Katrina, the second-eldest daughter, joined up in 1994, and then, in 2001, Tawana joined her sisters in Army green.

"Every time one of my daughters joined the Army, I felt like I was missing a piece of myself," said their father. "I felt really proud but scared because of the war situation. I was strong for them but maybe not very quiet."

All three young women joined the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in high school in Lane, S.C. and agreed that it helped prepare them for "the real deal."

"JROTC taught us discipline, rank structure, chain of command and facing movements [marching]. It made it easier for me when I decided to join up," said Tawana.

As Katrina sees it, she was very fortunate to be stationed close to home for two of her tours.

For the next several years Tawana said she saw her sisters blossom into independent women as they came home for visits, dressed in their military uniforms, telling tales of things they've done, places they've seen and special benefits they earned.

"Tawana would spend her sum-

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**Chef Dan Turner prepares to sauté shrimp which he used as a stuffing for Shiitake mushrooms. His visits are a program designed by the Commissary to give back something to its customers.**



Post/Heckler

**Chef Dan Turner, cuts mushrooms as he prepares a dish at the Post Commissary. Turner demonstrated three different recipes that featured mushrooms Feb. 2.**

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### Chef demonstrates easy recipes

By Jeremy Heckler

19th Public Affairs Det.

Fort Riley families had an opportunity to expand their home menus with help from Chef Danial Turner Feb. 2.

Turner, a professor of Culinary Arts at Johnson County Community College outside Kansas City, made three dishes using a variety of mushrooms for commissary customers.

"We have demonstrations here every month, but we have a chef come in once a year to provide something out of the ordinary for our customers," said Robin Vincent, commissary produce manager. Last year the chef featured asparagus dishes.

"We try to do something out of the ordinary as a way to appreciate our customers and give back to them," said Vincent.

Turner created a number of culi-

nary delicacies.

"My goal is to keep it simple because people won't take home a complicated recipe," said Turner.

He said most of the recipes he brings need six ingredients and can be completed in four steps.

"You see all of the people, like Emeril and you think that you can't do it yourself but if you see

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**Chef Dan Turner chops shrimp for his stuffing.**

## Tax Center helps save money

By Brian W. Underdahl

Installation Tax Attorney

The Fort Riley Tax Center is saving soldiers money. The average soldier filing an IRS 1040EZ and a state income tax return would spend approximately \$120 on tax preparation fees.

These tax preparation fees are money the soldier would have to spend with an off-post commercial tax preparer to get their taxes done.

By having their taxes prepared for free at the Fort Riley Tax Center, soldiers save that money. For example, if the soldier is receiving a \$600 federal income tax refund, why spend \$120 or 20 percent of the refund on tax preparation fees?

There are television advertisements by commercial tax preparers claiming "quick or one-day refunds." They claim that by electronically filing they can get your tax refund back quickly or in one-day.

These are actually a Refund Anticipation Loan based on the commercial tax preparer's estimate of the taxpayer's federal income tax refund.

While the "quick refunds" can rapidly put money back in the soldier's pocket, it comes at a cost. The commercial tax preparer's fees are taken out of the tax refund right off the top. These fees are actually interest on the loan and are often 10 percent or more of the refund.

The remainder of the "refund" is deposited in a customer's bank account, only if the tax preparer's estimate is correct. If the estimate is wrong, the customer could owe money and receive an even smaller refund.

The Fort Riley Tax Center electronically files federal income taxes. On average, tax refunds are in the taxpayer's bank account within two weeks. When the Tax Center prepares your taxes, every penny of the refund is yours.

The Tax Center is located in Bldg. 7826 and is open Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Fort Riley's U.S. Cavalry Museum Gift Shop to close in March

By Jeremy Heckler

19th Public Affairs Det.

Next month, the U.S. Cavalry Museum on Fort Riley will be shutting its doors for good. The take home mementos of history it has long been known for, will no longer be available.

The gift shop is scheduled to close in mid-March until a private organization can be found to take over the day-to-day operations of the store, according to Terry Van Meter, director of the U.S Cavalry Museum.

"Most organization gift shops are run by private organizations," said Van Meter.

"The purpose of having a private organization is to put the profits back into the museum and support it

for members of the command group, limited edition prints as well as sells books that appear on the Army Chief of Staff's reading list.

The close of the gift shop is one of the cold realities of business today.

"We haven't done as well profit-wise as in the past and when the time came to cut non-appropriated fund positions that position was the one to go," said Van Meter.

"The best year we ever had, cleared \$50,000 of profit," he said.

Van Meter said that the money raised by the gift shop allows the museum to purchase additional pieces of art and artifacts for the collections.

The additional personnel allow the museum to remain open seven days a week.

tion up to 1950 and include exhibits on the evolution of the McClellan saddle, the three weapons of the cavalry soldier as well as a gallery of cavalry uniforms," said Van Meter.

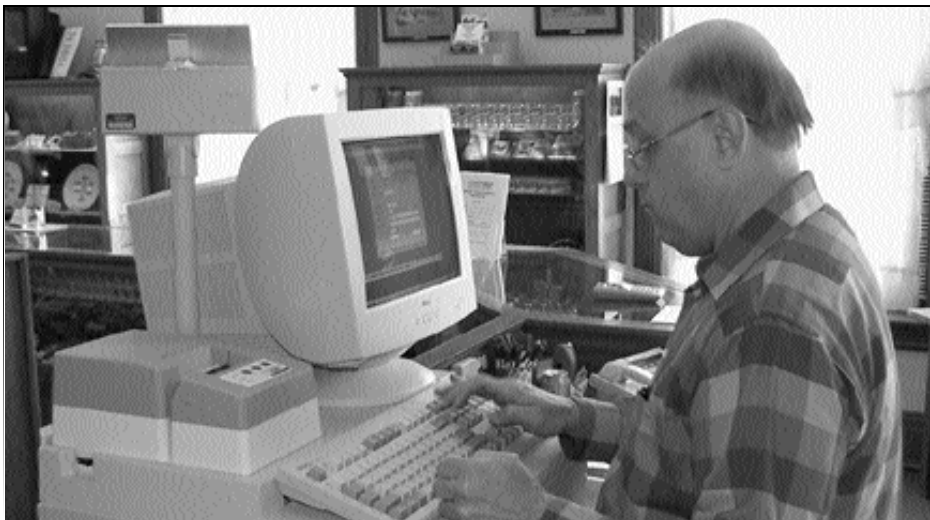
The museum displays artifacts and artwork from a variety of artists, included original works by Remington.

At one time, the gift shop had four employees said Van Meter.

He said that now there is only one person remaining on the store staff with other museum personnel rotating into the store to keep it running, said Van Meter.

"I've been here for two years and when the store closes my job goes with it," said Butch Scherer, business manager for the gift shop.

"I hope that something will come up though I haven't had any





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ners with us in Fort Jackson, then when I was in Fort Stewart, she'd pend spring breaks with us," said LaTonya. "She'd work with my aids and I'd show her around my work."

According to Tawana, she heard so many great things about the Army that she wanted to give it a try as well. Immediately after graduation, she announced to her family that she too was joining the Army.

LaTonya's reaction to Tawana's announcement was to tell her sister, "Girl, somebody's got to go to college in this family!"

Tawana's response, "I will . . . in the Army."

"Everyone seems to follow big sister," said LaTonya. "I tried to make sure not to make the same mistakes I've seen others make. It's important to me to set a good example, especially since Katrina's only 11 months younger than me and joined a year after me."

"My sisters talked so much about the Army that I knew there were some great benefits to joining the Army—like traveling, getting 'real' job experience and a college education," said Tawana. "That's when my sisters and I really started talking."

Tawana said she feels a person is never totally prepared for basic training, no matter how much someone tells them.

"It's a new experience for every person going through basic," she said. "Latonya and Katrina kept telling me the secret to getting through basic was to keep my mouth shut and do what was told without arguing. That was tough but I took my sisters' advice and bit my tongue."

"I also learned the right way to

express my opinion in the military," she said with a smile.

Tawana said that when she reached basic training she seriously wondered what she'd gotten herself into. She remembers calling home to her parents, who gave her lots of encouragement. She said her sisters were her biggest strength through the toughest parts.

"I remember giving her tips on ways to pass the physical training tests," Katrina said. "That seemed to be the hardest for her. I told her she'd 'get dropped' a lot [have to do push ups] — and she did."

"We wrote a whole lot of letters — a whole lot of letters," Tawana said. "They just kept telling me, 'If I can do it, then you can too.'"

According to Tawana, it got easier once she went to Advanced Individual Training where she studied to be a Chaplain's assistant. "The sergeants don't yell at you so much, you go through dif-

ferent training and they make it easy for you to talk to them [the noncommissioned officers]."

It came as a wonderful surprise to Tawana when she found out her first duty station was Fort Riley.

"I didn't ask to be assigned to Fort Riley, but when I found out, I called my sisters and gave them the good news," said Tawana.

On the heels of this good news LaTonya, who was stationed at Fort Stewart, decided to leave the military.

"My husband wanted to come back into the Army and the dual military careers was hard on our kids," said LaTonya. "So my husband requested Fort Riley as his first duty assignment . . . and got it! Bless his heart."

LaTonya said that the Army taught her a lot during her eight years as a medic.

"When you're a million miles away from home and don't have mama to run to, you learn to be

independent. I'm wiser and stronger now," she said. "It was my dream for me and my sisters to be in the military together on the southeast coast, but Fort Riley's a good place to be together too."

Katrina is in the 568th Engineer Company serving as a truck driver. She operates palletized loading system vehicles.

Tawana said she chose chaplain's assistant as a career because she likes people. She is presently assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, the Chaplain's Section and works at the Main Post Chapel.

Tawana said she sees her sister Katrina as an inspiration because of her leadership skills. "Katrina steps forward," Tawana said. "She's not afraid to take charge of soldiers because she's an NCO. She gained rank quickly and has a lot to look forward to."

Katrina said with an upbeat attitude, "The Army's great. You just have to know how to work with it."

Katrina sees the reunion as a great chance for her children and LaTonya's children to become acquainted with each other and their aunts.

"We have kids and it'll be great for them to get to know their family," said Katrina. "It gets tough with me and my husband both in the Army. Knowing there's family to look out for each other when we're deployed is a tremendous relief."

LaTonya reassures her mother they'll look out for each other and said it's "the perfect opportunity for our mom and dad to come to Fort Riley for a long awaited and well deserved family reunion."



Post/Flagle

These three sisters were recently reunited when two of them were assigned to Fort Riley. Left to right are PFC Tawana Glover, Sgt. Katrina Howard and LaTonya Thomas.

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# Chef

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in a store it makes it easier for you to feel like you can do it," said Abby Turner, age 14.

While the dishes are not difficult to make; working in the commissary can create a few complications.

"When you work out here everything has to be portable and things need to be kept neat and tidy," said Turner. He said except for the cook temperature on the stir-fry on location the finished dishes should not taste any different than they do at home.

Turner's creations have an Asian feel, creating pork and vegetable lo mein, stir-fry.

"I'm making a shrimp and pork filling for a shiitake mushroom cap which makes a lovely appetizer," said Turner.

Turner's daughter Abby helped him turn mushrooms and shrimp into delicacies. She said she has learned a love of cooking from her dad.

"I like cooking because it's relaxing and gets your mind off everything," said Abby Turner. She said in addition to helping with demonstrations she helps her dad create ice carvings.

Chef Turner said he enjoys sharing his recipes with families and interacting with them.

"This gives me a lot of ideas," said Col. Brad Hauper, MED-DAC. "I have to be on a low-fat diet and this gives me an opportunity for good tasting food that is good for me."

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# Third Army stop loss affects Fort Riley Military Police



## Stop Loss Specialties

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48E Foreign Area Officer (Eurasia)  
48G Foreign Area Officer  
51C Contract & Industrial Management
- Warrant Officer Specialties:**  
155E C-12 Pilot  
155G O-5A/EO-5B/RC-7 Pilot  
311A CID Special Agent  
350B All Source Intelligence Technician  
350D Imagery Intelligence Technician  
351B Counter Intelligence Technician  
351C Area Intelligence Technician  
351E Human Intelligence Collection Tech  
352G Voice Intercept Technician
- Enlisted MOSs:**  
33W Intel Electronic Warfare Repairman  
74B Information Systems Operator  
81T Topographic Analyst  
92R Parachute Rigger  
95B Military Police  
95C Internment Specialist  
95D CID Special Agent  
96B Intelligence Analyst  
96D Imagery Analyst  
96H Imagery Ground Station Operator  
96R Ground Surveillance System Operator  
96Z Senior Intelligence NCO  
97B Counter Intelligence Agent  
97E Human Intelligence Collector  
97L Translator/Interpreter  
97Z Senior Human Intelligence NCO  
98C Signals Intelligence Analyst  
98G Voice Interceptor - Cryptologic Linguist  
98H Communications Interceptor  
98J Electronic Intelligence Analyst  
98K Signal Collection Analyst  
98Z Senior Signal Intelligence NCO

### Staff and Wire Reports

The Department of the Army announced its third stop loss Tuesday, and it affects approximately 1,000 Fort Riley soldiers, primarily in the military police field.

This third increment includes seven officer specialties, nine warrant officer specialties and 22 enlisted military occupational specialties considered essential to the national security of the United States.

Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), approved the first two increments of stop loss in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom on Nov. 30, and Dec. 27.

The first increment focused on Active Army Special Forces soldiers and selected Aviation specialties. The second increment expanded the previous coverage to include additional skills and specialties and to include the Ready Reserve.

This third stop loss increment expands the coverage of the two previous stop loss increments to additional skills and specialties for both the Active Army and the Ready Reserve.

The Fort Riley soldiers primarily affected by the announcement are the approximate 550 military police of the 924th Military Police Battalion and 346th MP Company.

Additionally, nearly 175 Fort

Riley intelligence officers, warrant officers and enlisted soldiers are affected by the stop loss.

The November stop-loss affected approximately 30 Fort Riley warrant officers who pilot UH-60 Black Hawk or CH-47D Chinook helicopters and two enlisted CH-47 Chinook helicopter repairers.

Stop loss allows the Army to retain soldiers in the service beyond their date of separation or retirement for an open-ended period.

Those affected by the order generally cannot voluntarily retire or leave active duty or separate from the service as long as reserves are called to active duty or until otherwise relieved by proper authority.

Prior to Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, the Army last used stop loss during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990 when President George H. Bush delegated stop loss authority to the Secretary of Defense.

Stop loss does not affect most involuntary separations or retirements, nor does it generally limit laws, regulations or policies that lead to involuntary separations, retirements or releases from active duty.

The Army will re-evaluate stop loss on a monthly basis and use it as a tool to maintain readiness.

Soldiers should contact their servicing personnel activity for more details or questions.

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